

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Corina Tanasa on 05/12/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, replace "detecting an object" on line 4 with --using at least one processor for detecting an object of interest in said digital image data--.

Response to Amendment

The amendment received 04/06/09 has been entered in full.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-12, filed 04/06/09, with respect to the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the pending claims has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 7-19, and 23-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowable due to the persuasive arguments of the applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN B. STREGE whose telephone number is (571)272-7457. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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